

## NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of Air Quality and Radiation Protection  
Air Quality Division

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, La. R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:950, et seq., the secretary gives notice that rulemaking procedures have been initiated to amend the Air Quality Division Regulations, LAC 33:III.517 ( Log # AQ147 ).

The proposed rule revises LAC 33:III.517.B.3 to allow the Department of Environmental Quality's Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP) staff to prepare and certify permit applications for exemptions, small source permits, and general permits. Current language requires that only persons properly qualified to perform engineering work as provided in the Louisiana Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Registration Act are authorized to perform this activity. The average cost to hire consultants to prepare exemptions, small source permits, or general permits is generally cost prohibitive for small businesses. This amendment will allow DEQ to prepare permit applications for small businesses who do not have financial resources for outside consultants. This section is in keeping with Section 507 of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, which requires that SBAPs assist small business stationary sources in receiving permits.

This proposed rule meets the exceptions listed in R.S. 30:2019 (D) (3) and R.S.49:953 (G) (3), therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required.

A public hearing will be held on February 27, 1997, at 1:30 p.m. in the Maynard Ketcham Building, Room 326, 7290 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposed amendments. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate please contact Patsy Deaville at the address given below or at (504) 765-0399.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulations. Commentors should reference this proposed regulation by the Log # AQ147. Such comments should be submitted no later than March 6, 1997, at 4:30 p.m., to Patsy Deaville, Investigations and Regulation Development Division, Post Office Box 82282, Baton Rouge, LA, 70810 or to fax number (504) 765-0486. Copies of this proposed regulation can be purchased at the above referenced address. You may contact the Investigations and Regulation Development Division at (504) 765-0399 for pricing information. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of AQ147.

This proposed regulation is available for inspection at the following DEQ office locations from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 7290 Bluebonnet Boulevard, 4th floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70810; 804 31st Street, Monroe, LA 71203; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 3519 Patrick Street, Lake Charles, LA 70605; 3501 Chateau Boulevard West Wing, Kenner, LA 70065; 100 Asma Boulevard, Suite 151, Lafayette, LA 70508.

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**Title 33  
Environmental Quality  
Part III. Air**

**Chapter 5. Permit Procedures**

**§517. Permit Applications and Submittal of Information**

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**[See Prior Text in A-B.2.d]**

3. Any permit application for a major source, including Part 70 applications, form submitted under this Chapter shall be prepared by or under the supervision of a person properly qualified to perform engineering work as provided in the Louisiana Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Registration Act. The application shall be certified by a professional engineer, as defined in the above named Act, or by a responsible person authorized to act on behalf of the professional engineer. All other permit applications shall be certified by a responsible facility official or his/her designee.

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**[See Prior Text in C-G]**

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2054.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality and Radiation Protection, Air Quality Division, LR 19:1420 (November 1993), amended LR 20:1375 (December 1994), amended by the Office of the Secretary, LR 22:344 (May 1996), amended by the Office of Air Quality and Radiation Protection, Air Quality Division in LR